## **Claims**

Applicants are considering submitting the following claims. We would like your input on your view of their patentability.

- 1. A traversable addressing scheme comprising a repository that stores a plurality of traversable network addresses, each uniquely identifying a respective private network node separated from a public network by at least one network address translation (NAT) router, and each traversable network address being composed of a concatenation of a private internet protocol (IP) address of the respective private network node and public IP addresses of each NAT router interposed between the respective private network node and the public network.
- 2. The traversable addressing scheme of Claim 1 wherein IP addresses within each traversable network address are concatenated in order of travel of a packet from the respective private network node to the public network.
- 3. The traversable addressing scheme of Claim 1 wherein IP addresses within each traversable network address are concatenated in order of travel of a packet from the public network to the respective private network node.